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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone steady to fully steady on toms, steady to firm on hens. No trading reported on whole hens or toms. Offerings mixed and ranged from light to adequate. Meat and parts trading fairly slow with most interest coming from the export area.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand fairly good on tom drums and thigh meat going to Asia. Active inquiry from Mexico. Balance of items generally slow.



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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	71.50	720	JUL	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-	-	81.50	1280	OCT-NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	67.50	320	JUL	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-	-	74.50	200	OCT-NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 12, 2000	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00**	68.60**	65.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.50**	67.94	65.00 **
WESTERN REGION	68.00**	67.80**	65.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.50**	64.10**	66.05 **
CENTRAL REGION	63.50**	64.00	69.00
WESTERN REGION	64.50**	63.90**	66.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	71-75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-105

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 15-MAY-2000			
	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.67	60		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	74.00	20		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	72.00	40		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40		20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BANDED</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>—THOUSAND HEAD—</u>			<u>WT</u>
N EAST	1,022	0	21.69	NONE	NONE	1,022	21.69
S ATL	642	1	29.98	(A)	(A)	645	29.93
N CENT	2,065	41	31.23	(A)	(A)	2,080	31.19
S CENT	420	-32	25.67	(A)	(A)	428	25.63
WEST	296	6	23.32	(A)	(A)	298	23.37
U.S.TOTAL	4,445(B)	-8	27.80	0	28	4,473	27.78
TO DATE							
2000	77,972(B)			119		646	78,737
TO DATE							
1999	79,097(B)			0	554	79,651	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week

13,000 for the year 232,000; last year to date 285,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-2000

	<u>YOUNG (A)</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	
		<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	4,432	13	28	4,473
AVG WT	27.72	26.77	24.79	27.78
LAST WEEK	4,011	17	15	4,043
YR AGO	5,249	2	40	5,291
AVG WT	24.80	22.50	25.88	24.81
TO-DATE/2000	77,859	232	646	78,737
TO-DATE/1999	78,812	285	554	79,651

(A) Includes 119 ,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 29-Apr-2000FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 296 HD, 6,903 LBS,
TO DATE 4,139 HD, 100,915 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 68 HD;
TOTAL 298 HD, TO DATE 4,265 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	466,750 *
APRIL 1-29, 2000	395,746 *

To date 2000 1,670,257 *

To date 1999 1,631,043 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 MAY 2000.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat is mostly steady with some unsettledness developing. Some industry members note increased interest on fresh tom breast meat in the East resulting in higher trending prices on part loads from the Midwest. However, other industry members still consider fresh tom breast meat readily available. Destrapped tenderloins are showing signs of increased availability as some processors wonder if buyers are starting to switch from tenderloins to breast meat. Frozen thigh meat and tom drum trade sentiment steady to fully steady as sellers continue to demonstrate increased confidence in the market, full-cut wings steady. Demand light to fair on white meat items. Dark meat demand light to good with best interest noted on drums and thigh meat for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	107.00	29
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	18.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	45.00	40
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	15
NECKS, HEN		F	15.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	168.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00-180.00		176.37	380
THIGH MEAT	53.50		53.50	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	55.20	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT	119.00		119.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	150.00	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	175.00		175.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00		44.00	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	60
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-25.00		23.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.00	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	30
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 MAY 2000.

Trade sentiment mixed on fresh tom breast meat with some expressing increased confidence in the market while some buyers continued to receive seller inquiries. De strapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to instances firm on fresh with cautiousness noted, frozen steady. Demand light to fair on de strapped tenderloins with some sellers not seeing the interest that others are. Fresh tom breast meat demand was fair and showing some signs of improvement. Scapula and breast trim undertone steady to firm with the West not as strong as the Midwest and East on scapula. Offerings of breast trim and scapula mostly light for the fair demand. Wing meat with skin undertone steady at best due to the slow demand and adequate to fully adequate offerings. Exports were active on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. For export: tom defatted gizzards (1 rail-car and 1 container) 55-59 mostly 55, hen defatted gizzards (1 container) 52 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	40	97.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	23.00	40	22.60	100
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	22.88	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	18.50	80	18.65	282
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	80	22.00	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	45.00	40		
NECKS, TOM	12.00		12.00	80	12.91	115
NECKS, HEN		F	15.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	168.00	40	168.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00-178.00		174.98	400	174.89	1,220
THIGH MEAT		R	53.50	40	53.63	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00-59.00		54.50	266	54.69	366
BREAST TRIM MEAT	119.00		119.00	80	119.00	100
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	150.00	42	150.00	42
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	173.00-175.00		173.50	80	174.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	44.00	50	44.00	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	80	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.67	120	17.47	430
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-26.00		22.96	992	22.77	1,584
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.50	104	18.45	664
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.00	52		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	30	12.74	114
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-57.00		54.64	1,188	53.83	1,930

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